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Blunt launches unique outreach project for Bosnian community

Secretary of State Matt Blunt has announced a new project to familiarize more than 30,000 Bosnian immigrants with the services of his office and state government and to aid in their quest for citizenship. Missouri's fast-growing Bosnian community is based in St. Louis.*

Blunt made the announcement on June 6 during a press conference at the Carpenter Branch of St. Louis Public Library.

The State Library, a division of Blunt's office, received a donation of \$40,000 from Verizon to fund the program. Verizon is a national telecommunications corporation with offices and employees throughout St. Louis and Missouri. Blunt praised the company and the State Library for their commitment and dedication to the project. He expressed hope and confidence the effort will help eliminate barriers Bosnian immigrants face as they seek to become citizens of Missouri and the United States.

Blunt said: "Proficiency in English is necessary to living successfully in the United States, but immigrants and those who help them are challenged by a lack of information for those who lack a full grasp of English when they arrive. This partnership will offer our new neighbors an opportunity to learn English and make connections with church, community, and state programs to help them get started here."



(l-r) Secretary of State Matt Blunt with Ahmed Jakupovic representing the Bosnian Chamber of Commerce and Sam Franklin from Verizon looking at materials from the Bosnian collection at St. Louis Public Library's Carpenter Branch. (Jan Daley photo)

The Bosnian Outreach Project will provide two key services:

1. Translation of documents from the Secretary of State's Office into Bosnian, in a two-language format that promotes proficiency in English. The two-language format will present English and Bosnian side by side. The goal is to provide direct reference to English documents, relieve helpers and friends of the need to translate important basic facts, and teach English to adults with limited proficiency in the language.

2. Support a program of practice conversation partners specifically for Bosnian immigrants. English-speaking volunteers will meet with their Bosnian partners to practice spoken English. Conversation partnering is a supplement to formal English instruction that is available in St. Louis through several programs. Suggestions from members of the Bosnian community helped shape the conversation partners program proposed by

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State Library completes LSTA evaluation

As required by law, the State Library has submitted its Evaluation of Use of Library Services & Technology Act Funding in Missouri 1998-2002 to the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the agency that administers the federal library program. Compiled by staff of the Library Development Division, headed by Barbara Reading, the 55-page evaluation covers LSTA projects resulting from Missouri's five-year state plan for the federal fiscal years 1998-2002. Evaluation findings were derived from the Missouri library community through surveys, discussion with State Library staff, phone interviews, and meetings held with library organizations. The Secretary's Council on Library Development also played an important role in the evaluation process.

The evaluation document details progress made in the provision of technology to libraries, access to information through technology, targeted library programs, and overarching goals, which encompass staff training and leadership, and cooperation among libraries. State Library staff reviewed the nine statewide projects, such as continuing education and OCLC Group Access, and the 12 competitive grant programs, which include grants for library cooperation, planning for standards, digital imaging, after-school programs for at-risk youth, and Show-Me Steps to Career Development.

In-depth reviews are included for Basic Equipment grants, Adaptive Equipment grants, Library Services for Seniors, the Summer Institute, Literacy Gatherings, Library Cooperation Training Grants, and Show-Me Steps Grants. For each of these programs, the staff provided a brief history, discussed the impact of the program, and summarized the lessons learned.

Among the appendices are a chronology of competitive grants, a complete listing of Summer Institute courses, a training grant spreadsheet, and a Missouri Public Library Directors discussion on the grant process.

For more information about the evaluation, contact Kay Callison, LSTA Coordinator, at 800-325-0131, ext. 9. The evaluation is also available on the State Library's website at www.sos.mo.gov; click on the library's homepage and go to "Special Reports."

Fiscal Year	Total Grant Expenditures	Statewide Project Expenditures
1998	\$ 2,119,381	\$ 341,898
1999	\$ 2,757,956	\$ 358,597
2000	\$ 2,572,324	\$ 437,282
2001	\$ 2,011,102	\$ 690,969
Total	\$ 9,461,063	\$ 1,828,746

CIPA declared unconstitutional

On May 31, 2002, a panel of three federal judges ruled that the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) violated the First Amendment. In a press statement regarding the decision, the American Library Association applauded "the panel of judges for

their thoughtfulness and clear understanding of the issues at stake...Americans cannot afford to lose access to the thousands of Web sites offering legal, useful, and valuable information blocked by...filters. Because filters overblock and underblock, they restrict speech and offer a false sense of security that children are protected when they are not."

“Although software filters provide a relatively cheap and effective, albeit imperfect, means for public libraries to prevent patrons from accessing speech that falls within the filters’ category definitions, we find that commercially available filtering programs erroneously block a huge amount of speech that is protected by the First Amendment,” the judges wrote.

Signed into law in 2000, CIPA required the use of Internet filters for public and school libraries requesting government funding for the purpose of offering patrons access to the Internet. The law applied to libraries requesting Universal Service discounts, or E-rate, for Internet access, Internet service, or internal connections. The law’s provisions also covered libraries seeking Library Services and Technology Act funds to buy computers for Internet access or to pay for Internet access. If they were to receive subsidies for the upcoming year, libraries would have had to certify compliance with CIPA by July 1, 2002.

School libraries are not covered by the recent decision and are still subject to the full provisions of CIPA. And public libraries receiving E-rate discounts for Internet access and/or internal connections are still covered by NCIPA (Neighborhood Children’s Internet Protection Act), while libraries that receive discounts for telecommunications services only are not covered. Libraries that are part of a consortium’s connections are also covered under NCIPA. Under NCIPA, libraries must review their existing Acceptable Use Policies to make sure they conform to the Internet Safety Policy requirements of the Act.

General Assembly concludes difficult session

Budget cuts affected all state agencies, and higher education institutions received severe cuts at the conclusion of the 91st General Assembly. The slowing economy, the after-effects of 9-11, market decline, and

lower-than-expected state income tax revenue all contributed to a year of declining revenues, with projections for next year equally grim.

State Aid to Public Libraries and the State Aid Equalization Program will remain at the same level as FY02, or \$3,770,657.

MOBIUS, the common library platform for academic libraries, also was funded at the same level as last year, or \$649,539.

The Remote Electronic Access for Libraries (REAL) project received an 11% cut, or \$365,000, from its \$3.2 million budget, which includes public library Internet connectivity and bandwidth and statewide electronic licenses.

MOREnet’s appropriations were reduced by 11% for a total cut of \$1.9 million; this includes the shared network.

The Out of State Athletes and Entertainers Tax, which has enabled public libraries to purchase materials for their collections, was marked at zero funding.

The Secretary of State’s Office lost six positions and 15% of its operating funds. Wolfner Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped was excluded from the budget cuts.

Other legislative action affecting libraries:

- HB1402 includes Internet provisions from SB665 requiring schools and public libraries to have public access computers regularly used by minors equipped with software or governed by a policy that protects minors from pornographic material. Those who comply will not be criminally liable or liable for damages. The Secretary of State’s Office will establish rules and regulations for enforcement of this provision.
- HB150 relates to assessment and collections procedures for the property tax, adjustment of levies, tax amnesty, and other taxation issues.
- SB997 requires county collectors to apply payments for real property taxes to delinquent taxes before applying them to the current year.



Web Watch

AlterNet

www.alternet.org

Coordinated by the Independent Media Institute, this site includes a database of more than 7,000 news, opinion, and investigative stories from more than 200 alternative and independent news sources. The site also includes a discussion forum.

Campaign Finance Information Center

www.campaignfinance.org

This site is maintained by the Investigative Reporters and Editors, Inc., based at the University of Missouri School of Journalism. Offers national-and state-level databases on campaign contributions as well as an archive of campaign finance stories that have appeared in print.

Sisters in Crime

www.sistersincrime.org

This organization supports authors, publishers, book-sellers, librarians, and readers who want to promote the work and raise awareness of the contributions of women mystery writers. Features an annotated list of titles, plus a list of events, mystery book-stores, local chapters, and other mystery links. The 15-year-old organization has 50 chapters in the U.S. and other countries.



2002 Harry S. Truman Book Award

The Harry S. Truman Library Institute for National and International Affairs has selected *The Dixiecrat Revolt and the End of the Solid South, 1932-1968* (The University of North Carolina Press, 2001), written by Kari Frederickson, as its 2002 Harry S. Truman Book Award winner.

The award of \$1,000 recognizes the best book written within a two-year period that deals primarily and substantially with some aspect of the history of the United States between April 12, 1945, and January 20, 1953, or with the public career of Harry S. Truman. It is given biennially in even-numbered years.

Dr. Frederickson is assistant professor of history at the University of Alabama. Her book was selected from a field of 25 submitted entries.

Blunt launches unique outreach project

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Blunt's office, in partnership with the St. Louis Public Library and Verizon. English-speaking conversation partners will go to workplaces and residential areas to meet with their Bosnian neighbors who are learning English and preparing for citizenship.

The Bosnian project is the second out-

reach plan Blunt has implemented since taking office last year. Many of his news releases are translated into Spanish and sent to Spanish-language media outlets. Blunt also was successful in obtaining state funding for the translation of voting instructions at polling places into Spanish.

** Census 2000 shows Missouri's immigrant population to have increased 87 percent in the past decade. Foreign-born residents make up 2.7 percent of the state's population, or 151,195 residents.*

Missouri school libraries receive 3M grants

3M and the American Association of School Librarians have announced that 112 U.S. middle and high schools have been selected to receive a total of \$1.5 million in security technology through the 2002 "3M Salute to Schools" program. For the past three years, the program has provided 3M detection systems to help middle and high school library media centers with limited resources reduce the loss of valuable library materials.

Missouri schools receiving grants include Farmington High School, McCluer High School in Florissant, and Webster Groves High School.

The recipients of the "3M Salute to Schools" donation will receive, free of charge, up to two 3M detection systems for the entrance/exit of their media center, including a supply of Tattle-Tape™ Security Strips for marking library materials and materials processing accessories—a package with an average value of \$15,000.

The USA Patriot Act

The USA Patriot Act became law on October 26, 2001. It amended over 15 federal statutes, including the laws governing criminal procedure, computer fraud and abuse, foreign intelligence, wiretapping, immigration, and the laws governing the privacy of

student records. These amendments expanded the authority of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and law enforcement to gain access to business records, medical records, educational records, and library records, including stored electronic data and communications. They also expanded the laws governing wiretaps and "trap and trace" phone devices to Internet and electronic communications.

For the complete text of the Act, check the Library of Congress's Thomas website at <http://thomas.loc.gov/>. On the website's homepage is a link to "Legislation Related to the Attack of September 11, 2001."

Virtually Missouri update

Two new collections have been added to "Digitized Collections" on the Virtually Missouri website (www.virtuallymissouri.org). These collections represent the photography collection of the Blue Springs Historical Society and a study on Mississippi Valley Architecture sponsored by the Missouri Humanities Council.

The Missouri Botanical Garden (MBG), one of the project participants, recently had two of its digitization projects featured in the April 5 and May 3 (2002) issues of *Science* magazine. The digitization of the Garden's rare books is also the subject of an article in the MBG newsletter, *The Bulletin*.

Grant awards to Missouri public libraries

Secretary of State Matt Blunt has approved four planning and standards grants, totaling \$38,256, and four videoconferencing grants, totaling \$180,505. Both grants are funded through the federal Library Services and Technology Act.

Planning and Standards Grants support public library trustees and directors in their development of policies and service plans. The State Library is especially interested in projects that incorporate elements suitable for replication by other libraries.

Albany Carnegie Public Library \$12,929

Library Service Plan Development Project: This project will focus on development, distribution, tabulation, and result analysis of a survey tool, followed by development of a written service plan for the library. The hired consultant for this project, acting as project director, will also develop a post evaluation, outcomes-based plan for the library. The City of Albany will partner in the project and include the survey tool and an SASE in its monthly utility bills.

Cedar County Library District \$4,001

Planning Document: Following up on a preliminary survey funded by a Bring in an Expert Grant, this library will use a consultant to develop a planning document for improving allocation of resources. This project will also include conducting a needs assessment with community input such as local meetings, surveys, and focus groups. The consultant will then write a planning document, using results from the needs assessment.

Nevada Public Library \$6,326

Creating a Collection Development Plan: The library will hire a collection development specialist to analyze its current collection and help it write a two- to five-year collection development and maintenance plan, based on community needs assessment. The plan will include a proposed budget; selection and acquisition criteria; policies on weeding, gifts, and donations;

formats; reconsideration of materials guidelines; and resources identification.

Riverside Regional Library \$15,000

Citizen Survey Project 2002: The purpose of this project is to gather information within the library's service area to develop a plan to improve library services at each of its facilities. With assistance from a professional marketing analyst, the library will conduct a needs assessment in order to evaluate library services. Activities will include development of three different survey tools to assess needs from three different targeted groups: county residents and regular library patrons, students in grades 3 to 12 in selected public and private schools in the three-county service area, and staff workers and older adults at selected senior citizen centers. The resulting evaluation of library services will be used by the library director and board of trustees for long-range and strategic planning.

The five libraries receiving **Videoconferencing Grants** will serve as regional facilities for a proposed Public Libraries Videoconferencing Network. When fully established, the network will provide another avenue for training capabilities to remote areas of the state while enhancing professional development for all public libraries.

The State Library hopes to establish up to 12 facilities strategically located throughout the state. Each facility will be furnished with state-of-the-art equipment to provide interactive videoconferencing sessions such as continuing education training, staff development seminars, and other formal library meetings.

Recipients of the first round of videoconferencing grants include:

St. Charles City-County

Library District \$36,814

Daniel Boone Regional Library \$35,619

Springfield-Greene County

Library District \$32,119

St. Louis Public Library \$35,619

West Plains Public Library \$40,334



Children's Book Week 2002

"Book Time" is the theme for the 83rd Children's Book Week, sponsored by The Children's Book Council and scheduled for November 18-24, 2002. Since 1919, educators, librarians, booksellers, and families have celebrated Children's Book Week during the week before Thanksgiving. Artwork for this year's observance was created by Kevin Henkes, author of popular children's books such as *Wemberly Worries* and *Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse*.

For more information on Book Week or The Children's Book Council, visit the website www.cbcbooks.org/html/book_week.html. For a printed catalog, send an e-mail to: catalogs@cbcbooks.org.



newsline welcomes information for "Missouri Library News" and "Personal Notes" from librarians, library trustees, and others interested in the state's libraries. Send news about library events, projects, awards, and personnel changes to the editor. (See page 2 for contact information.)



Homebound library service begins in DeSoto

The DeSoto Public Library has started a new program to provide book delivery to homebound people who live within the library's service area. Library director Betty Olson said two patrons suggested the service and volunteered to make deliveries to eligible patrons' homes. Other volunteers have been recruited for the service.

Olson said the program is just getting underway and will become a weekly service.

Webb City's adult reading campaign

The Webb City Public Library sponsored a campaign to promote reading by adults during the spring. "Reading is not just for kids!" was the campaign slogan developed by the Webb City Friends of the Library.

The campaign was open to all Webb City library patrons, 18 years and older. Each time a patron read a book or listened to a tape from the library, his/her name was entered into a drawing for prizes donated by local merchants. Adults who signed up for a library card during the campaign had the opportunity to win a \$50 savings bond from the Webb City Bank. Participants celebrated the end of the seven-week campaign with a barbecue.

Library director Sue Oliveira said the campaign is the first of a three-part initiative to attract new adult patrons. In July, the library will sponsor a family reading program in conjunction with the children's summer reading program; in the fall, another program will promote reading among seniors.

Springfield's library friends hold "stupendous" book sale

A successful book sale is a common occurrence for Springfield-Greene County Library's Friends group. This year's sale was

no exception. The Friends grossed almost \$59,000, the group's most profitable sale.

The Friends estimated they had an inventory of about 60,000 books. Among the factors in the Friends' success are the hours the volunteers spend sorting the books and categorizing them, which makes it easier for people to make choices, and the high-profile, high-traffic location—a former grocery store on a major thoroughfare donated for the event by a local businessman.

Bloomfield library receives USDA grant

The Stars and Stripes Museum/Library Association, Inc. in Bloomfield has received a \$65,000 Rural Enterprise Grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The grant will enable the association to complete the interior on a 3,780-square-foot addition in the museum/library building. It also will provide 10 additional jobs for the town, which is located in Stoddard County in the Mississippi Delta, an area of persistent poverty.

USDA grants support rural development needs and administer financial and technical assistance to rural communities including local libraries. Most recently, the Wood Place Library in California, Missouri, received an Enterprise Grant.

For more information on USDA Rural Development in Missouri, contact Jacqueline L. Barker at 573-581-4177, ext. 4, or visit the program website at www.rurdev.usda.gov/mo.

St. Louis' Carpenter Branch reopens

The newly renovated Carpenter Branch of the St. Louis Public Library is serving city residents once again. The public joined local and state dignitaries, neighborhood residents, library officials, and Carpenter Branch staff for a special grand opening on May 20, 2002. The event featured a brief program and ribbon-cutting ceremony. Festivities continued throughout the week, with



Interior of the newly renovated Carpenter Branch of St. Louis Public Library

programs and special events for patrons of all ages.

At over 25,000 square feet, the expanded and renovated Carpenter Branch is almost twice the size of the original building. The 1927 part of the building has been completely renovated to create a large children's space with expanded collections and reading areas. The new addition, built beneath a dramatic vaulted ceiling, houses book collections for adults, study tables, and quiet study rooms. The central "bridge" between the adult and children's areas features a state-of-the-art Neighborhood Computer Center, three Express Checkout stations, and DVD, video, and music CD collections. A large meeting room has been added to the lower level of the building. In addition, all of the collections have been updated.

Waller McGuire, deputy director of St. Louis Public Library, said, "As a landmark building, the renovation of Carpenter posed particular problems. Foremost among the challenges was updating the facility for maximum efficiency in the 21st century while remaining true to the Carnegie design."

Dr. Glen Holt, executive director of the library, commented, "As we renovate each location, the Library takes special pride in maintaining that mission and ensuring that each facility reflects the particular needs

and wants of the patrons that it serves. Carpenter is a shining example of meeting that goal."

Montgomery City celebrates library's 75th anniversary

The Montgomery City Public Library observed its 75th anniversary on May 11 with an open house featuring an appearance by Hannibal's official Tom Sawyer and Becky Thatcher. The duo entertained the audience with skits from *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*. More than 100 people attended the event.

A poster contest open to Montgomery City school children was also held in conjunction with the open house. The winning posters were displayed during the open house.

Organized by The Delphian Society (a study club), the library opened on May 11, 1927, in a room in the City Hall. The collection then numbered 700 volumes. After another move, the library moved to its present location in 1969.

Kansas City's Plaza Colonnade project moves ahead

The Kansas City Public Library, in con-

Libri grants to Missouri libraries

Seven Missouri public libraries have received Spring 2002 grants from the Libri Foundation: Bethany Public Library, Doniphan/Ripley County Library, Fisk Community Library, Happy & Mary Curless Library, Howard County Public Library, Louisiana Public Library, and Seymour Community Library.

The foundation donates new hardcover children's books to small, rural public libraries through its Books for Children program. Since fall 1990, the foundation has donated over \$1,500,000 worth of new children's books to 1,500 libraries in 47 states.

For more information about the grant program, contact Barbara J. McKilip at 541-747-9655, or visit the foundation's website at www.librifoundation.org.

More Library News



Correction:

In the April 2002 *Newsline*, the photograph on page 8 depicting a Fairview Library group was incorrectly identified. The Fairview Library is not a branch of Springfield-Greene County (that's the Fair Grove Branch) but rather a privately funded volunteer library in Newton County.

junction with Copaken, White & Blitt, and Highwoods Properties, has announced that the law firm of Blackwell Sanders Peper Martin has committed to the Plaza Colonnade, a \$70 million mixed-use, first-class office project at the southeast corner of the Country Club Plaza, the city's nationally known outdoor shopping area.

Blackwell is one of the largest law firms in the region, with more than 300 attorneys and 400 professional support staff, and one of the fastest-growing firms in the country. Blackwell's commitment, along with previously announced accounting and consulting firm RSM McGladrey, will allow the unique public/private partnership to start the construction project in Fall 2002, with occupancy slated for Summer 2004.

The development of the project culminates a five-year process by the library to solidify its future building needs on the Plaza and create a first-class office development on the site.

In return for a ground lease and use of the air rights, the developer is providing the library with a package worth approximately

\$15.7 million in construction, parking, and cash. The 11-story Plaza Colonnade is comprised of a nine-story, 265,000-square-foot Class A office building on top of a two-story, 50,000-square-foot new Plaza Branch Library. The space will include a children's center, a 350-seat auditorium, and meeting rooms. Also included in the project is a two-story 20,000-square-foot retail building, a 1,200 car parking structure, and future plans for an eight-story, 16-unit residential tower.

The Plaza Colonnade project represents the second public-private partnership the library is currently working on. The library is also partnering with the Downtown Council to renovate a historic building for the Central Library.

"To the best of our knowledge, this is the first time a partnership like the Plaza project has been undertaken by a public library," library director Dan Bradbury said.

St. Louis County Library highlights author programs

During its celebration of Get Caught Reading Month in May, St. Louis County Library offered 14 programs with local authors. The programs were designed to promote interest in reading and gave patrons the opportunity to meet authors and learn about the writing process.

The diverse group of programs included book discussions, slide shows, question and answer sessions, and lectures. Featured authors were David Carkeet, Bobbi Smith, Rob Rains, Patricia Corrigan, David Strauss, Esley Hamilton, Edward Silvia, and Rett McPherson. Geraldine Brooks, an Australian author, also visited the library during May on her book tour.

The Adult Reading Club, which ended May 31, demonstrated county library patrons' continuing interest in reading. More than 1,100 people registered for the system-wide program, which encouraged adults to read 10 books in two months. Those who completed the program had their names entered in a drawing for prizes such as autographed copies of books by authors who have paid recent visits to the library.



Architect's rendering of Kansas City Public Library's Plaza Colonnade project. The library will occupy the ground floor.



Leonard Fetterhoff, Pulaski County Museum curator, tries out the new computers at the Waynesville Branch of Pulaski County Library. The equipment was donated by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. (Pulaski County Democrat photo).

Two Missouri libraries selected for NEH exhibit

St. Louis Public Library and Kansas City Public Library are among 82 public, academic, and medical libraries across the country chosen as sites for the "Frankenstein: Penetrating the Secrets of Nature" exhibit tour. Sponsors are the National Endowment for the Humanities, the National Library of Medicine, and the American Library Association.

The exhibit examines Mary Shelley's classic novel, *Frankenstein*, and its evolution in literature, popular culture, and scientific research since its publication in 1818. A major theme of the exhibit is how the "Frankenstein" story has been used as a framework to express society's fears about the consequences of scientific advances, such as cloning, which challenge our traditional understanding of what it means to be human.

Libraries selected for the tour will host the exhibit for a six-week period between October 2002 and December 2005. They will make the exhibit available for public viewing and host a number of educational programs and receptions to increase the public's understanding and study of the exhibit and its themes.

According to ALA, selection for the exhibit tour was "extremely competitive."

Gates computers well used in Missouri public libraries

Hundreds of computers donated to Missouri public libraries through the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation are in use throughout the state, appreciated by both library staff and patrons. Missouri libraries received 630 PCs, 43 con-

tent servers, and 215 printers through the foundation's U.S. Library Program. The program works with public libraries to provide access to computers and the Internet for patrons in low-income communities.

The State Library has received numerous e-mails, notes, and phone calls from Missouri librarians commending the Gates program and sharing anecdotes about its benefits to local communities. Following is a typical reaction, sent by e-mail from Betty Olson, director of the DeSoto Public Library:

"Our four computers are used CONSTANTLY. We have some folks waiting on the library parking lot for us to open up and let them in. Our City Mayor came in and had us teach him how to use the computer and also how to do e-mail. He comes in frequently. Was amazed at how much material he could find on April Fool's Day when he had a speech to make at Rotary. We are teaching classes regularly for people who want to learn how to use a computer—those taking these classes are mainly in the 50s to 80s age range. Many of them have purchased their own computers after taking the class, but they still will come in for help when they get into some kind of jam at home and don't know what to do. We've had no negative response."

Two awards for St. Louis County Library publications

St. Louis County Library won Awards of Distinction in the 2002 Communicator Awards Print Media Competition for two items: the 2001 Black History Month brochure designed by Tammy Thebert, a former library employee, and the 2001 Winter Reading Club programming brochure, designed by Barb Tettaton and Barb Wilkat. Both publications won design awards.

The Communicator Awards Print Media Competition is an international awards competition intended "to recognize outstanding work in the communications field." More than 3,600 entries from the U.S. and several other countries were submitted for the 2002 competition.

Personal Notes

Note:

Interlibrary loan changes at Mid-Continent Public Library allow the circulation of census microfilm to participants in the Kansas City Metropolitan Library Network who use the courier service. And the 1930 census will be available for interlibrary loan October 1, 2002.

Appointments

Dorothy Sanborn Elliott has been appointed deputy director for Central Library Services at the Kansas City Public Library. She has been director of the River Bluffs Regional Library (a cooperative service of the St. Joseph Public Library and Rolling Hills Consolidated Library) for the past 13 years. Previously, she was with the St. Joseph Public Library from 1977 through 1989, serving progressively as children's librarian, reference and federal documents librarian, head of public service and adult circulation, and finally library director.

Originally from Massachusetts, Elliott received a B.A. from Wellesley College (MA) and an M.L.S. from the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Beth Eckles has joined the staff of the Missouri Department of Corrections as su-

pervisor of library services for the Division of Offender Rehabilitative Services. She is responsible for the management of Missouri's 20 correctional libraries and staff.

Eckles served as director of the Whiteman Air Force Base Library before her appointment. She was director of Wolfner Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped for 13 years and director of Boonslick Regional Library for eight years. Her B.A. in library science and German is from the University of Missouri-Columbia, and her M.L.S. is from the University of Denver.

Lynne Moos is the new director of the Grundy County-Jewett Norris Library. She replaces **Peggy Ausmus**, who has retired after serving as interim director for three years.

Before moving to Missouri, Moos administered a nonprofit mentoring organization for young people in Wisconsin.

She holds a B.S. in social work from St. Catherine's College (MN).

Christie Kessler has been named assistant director for the Cass County Public Library. She will be responsible for the library's technology services, and will serve as staff liaison to the Friends of the Library. She comes to Missouri from Michigan where she worked at the Branch District Library in Coldwater and the Sturgis Public Library.

Kessler attended Western Michigan University where she earned an M.L.S. and a B.A. in English and anthropology.

Martha Bledsoe has been selected as Nevada Public Library's new youth services librarian. She is the former library media specialist for the Lee's Summit R-VII Schools, an adjunct professor of children's literature for Avila University and Ottawa University (KS), and director of elementary school libraries for the Marshall Public School System.

Bledsoe received an M.S. in education with emphasis in library science from Central Missouri State University. Among her numerous awards are the Bright Idea Award from the Missouri Association of School Li-



Secretary of State Matt Blunt (center) presents an automation grant award check to Mary Seat, Worth County Library director. On the right are Worth County R-III School District representatives including Janice Borey, librarian; Linda Gray Smith, school district supervisor; and Barry McCleelan, school district president.

State Library plans fall workshops

♦ “Renee Vaillancourt, author of *Bare Bones Young Adult Service* (ALA Editions 2000), will present two young adult workshops for library generalists in September. The workshops will help library staff who are not young adult specialists build and improve services for teens. While the number of young adult librarians in Missouri has increased in the past few years, most Missouri libraries do not have staff people who are trained and skilled at serving this age group.

The workshops, titled “Bridging the Gap,” will provide information about youth development, the need to provide young adult services, youth participation, and developing a foundation for young adult services. They are designed to complement the manual *Bridging the Gap: Young Adult Services in the Library* (revised edition), which will be distributed before the workshops.

Library staff at school and public libraries are invited to the workshops, scheduled for the following dates and locations:

September 17, Daniel Boone Branch, St. Louis County Library in Ellisville

September 19, Midtown Carnegie Branch, Springfield-Greene County Library

There is no charge for the workshops; however, registration is limited to 40 people per site. Registration forms will be mailed in July. Contact Nancee Dahms-Stinson, youth and senior services consultant, 800-325-0131, ext. 5, for additional information.

♦ “Entrepreneurship @ Your Library will be presented by the Kauffman Foundation for the State Library on September 20th. This all-day workshop will cover a variety of topics librarians need to assist entrepreneurs, such as building a small reference section, the EntreWorld Internet resource, entrepreneurship resources for young people, and information targeted toward starting a small business in Missouri. Librarians from public, academic, and special libraries will be invited to attend the free workshop, and the State Library will support hotel costs for participants.

♦ “The 2002 Missouri Census Data Center Annual Conference will be held September 5-6 at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City. Sessions will include: Census 2000 Summary File 3 (long-form) data access and analysis, what’s new in the area of post-Census 2000 population estimates, the American Community Survey Program in Missouri, using census data with geographic information systems, and presentations of new census products from MCDC and MCDC affiliates.

Pre-conference training sessions will be offered concurrently from 9 a.m. to noon on September 5. The conference will begin at 1 p.m. on September 5 and end at 2:30 p.m. on September 6. For additional information, contact Debbie Pitts at 800-325-0131, ext. 10. To reserve a room at Capitol Plaza Hotel for the conference rate of \$69, contact the hotel at 573-635-1234.

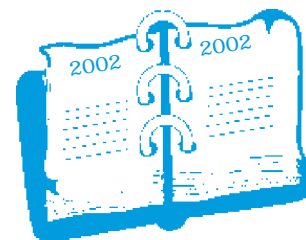
brarians, Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award, and the International Reading Association Literacy Award.

Death

Dr. Francis J. “Jim” Flood, a former faculty member of the University of Missouri-

Columbia library school, died May 11, 2002, at his home in Columbia. Flood served on the MU faculty from 1951 until his retirement in 1990, when he was awarded the title of associate professor emeritus of library science. During his years with the library school, he served as a department chairman and as acting dean.

Upcoming Events



August 13-16
Library Skills Summer
Institute
Columbia

August 18-24
International Federation of
Library Associations
General Conference
Glasgow, Scotland

**September is Library Card
Sign-Up Month**

September 5-6
Missouri Census Data Center
Annual Conference
Jefferson City

September 8
International Literacy Day

September 12
Secretary’s Council on
Library Development
Meeting
Jefferson City

September 17
Bridging the Gap Workshop
Ellisville

September 19
Bridging the Gap Workshop
Springfield

September 21-28
Banned Books Week

October 2-4
Missouri Library Association
Annual Conference
Kansas City

October 12
National Book Festival
Washington, DC



More young adults go online for health info than to shop or chat

A new national survey by the Kaiser Family Foundation finds teens and young adults (ages 15-24) are not only going online to shop, talk to friends, or download music, but also to look up information about health issues from diabetes to AIDS. Two out of three young people (68%) have used the Internet to search for health information, and one in four says they get "a lot" of health information online. The survey also suggests that a significant proportion of youth are acting on what they find: four out of 10 (39%) online health seekers say they have changed their own behavior because of information they found on the Web.

Almost all young people who have looked for health information on the Internet say what they find is useful (94%), but they remain skeptical about the quality of online health information in general. But only 29% of those who looked up health information online checked the source the last time they conducted a search.

The survey report, "Generation Rx.com," is available free online at www.kff.org, or by calling the Kaiser Family Foundation's publication request line at 800-656-4533.

Federal funds support array of library projects in Missouri

FY03 LSTA grant award for Missouri

Total grant award \$ 2,903,547

Amounts appropriated by the General Assembly

for services from the State Library:

State Library personnel and operations	\$ 604,063
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Total appropriations (\$ 731,631)

Total for grants and statewide projects \$ 2,171,916

Existing commitments

Competitive grants	\$ 78,142
School library survey	\$ 15,000
Institutional grants	\$ 7,500

Total for existing commitments (\$ 100,642)

Total proposed for statewide projects \$ 1,595,711

LSTA Statewide Projects include the following:

Continuing education	\$ 245,132
Institutions	50,000
Librarians Knowledge Bank	50,000
Show Me the World	546,629
Focus on Literacy	16,550
Leadership Momentum	90,000
Statewide digitization	212,000
Telecommunications	25,000
Videoconferencing	210,000
Statewide reference	130,000
Marketing Missouri Libraries	20,400

Total available for competitive grants \$ 475,563

The Library Services and Technology Act allows for funds to be used for direct grants to libraries. Public, school, academic, and special libraries, as well as library consortia, are eligible to receive grants. These grants must be used for the purposes described in the *Missouri Five-Year State Plan for the Use of LSTA Funds*.

Areas for direct grants in FY03 include:

- Grants to public libraries for training labs, both permanent and portable, where libraries can train staff and the public, as appropriate. These will build on the Basic Equipment and Reference Service Desk Computer Program grants.
- Assistive technology in public libraries.
- Targeted grants to fund new and replicated model programs in literacy, youth services, and senior services.
- Grants to provide high-quality programs for libraries, using needs-based criteria, for children and seniors.

Funds in this category will also be considered for additional needs that may arise through the year.

Demographics for new Missouri legislative districts on the Web

The State Library's Census Data Center has produced a new Web-based product for Missouri legislative districts, available online at <http://mcdc2.missouri.edu/maps/2000abstract/>. The site includes demographic profiles and charts plus boundary, dot density, and thematic maps for post-Census 2000 legislative districts. New state representative, state senate, and U.S. congressional districts in Missouri became effective in the 2002 primary and general elections. The first office-holders to represent the redistricted areas will be sworn into office in January 2003.

The Census Data Center used the official list of Census 2000 blocks (provided by the Redistricting Office in the Missouri Office of Administration) to build demographic profiles and trend reports for each legislative district.

Missouri legislative body	New population range in district
State House of Representatives (163 districts)	33,355 to 35,424
State Senate (34 districts)	159,100 to 170,302
U.S. Congressional (9 districts)	621,690 to 621,691

Equalization funds to Missouri libraries

Fifty-seven Missouri public libraries recently received funds totaling \$960,397 under the State Aid Equalization Program. These funds enable libraries to improve services to their communities, work to meet Missouri public library standards, or accomplish goals outlined in their long-range plans. Funds are allocated to libraries in counties having significant levels of poverty, where provision of library resources is difficult, and where financial need is greatest.

Missouri's World War I veterans database available

More than 145,000 Missourians who served their country during World War I are listed in a new database created by Secretary of State Matt Blunt's Office. The World War I Service Record Database provides essential information to scholars and family historians about Missouri military personnel and constitutes an online honor roll of their service to the state and nation during the "Great War."

In April 1917, the United States entered World War I. Nearly 750,000 Missouri men registered for the draft. Over 156,000 served in all branches of the armed forces, and more than 10,000 were wounded or killed in action.

The Missouri State Archives, a division of the Office of the Secretary of State, preserves the records that tell the stories of Missouri's unique heritage and includes a variety of military records from the War of 1812 through World War I.

"These World War I service records are valuable in the details they provide about the Missouri men who served during that conflict," State Archivist Kenneth Winn said. "The database demonstrates how technology can offer enhanced access in innovative ways."

The records include such names as Harry Truman, who fought with the 35th Division, and General John J. Pershing, commander of the American Expeditionary Force.

Connie Reichart of the State Archives assumed primary responsibility for entering records into the database. "It appears that many soldiers died from influenza," she said. "Also, the potential of aviation was just beginning to be explored as a military attack strategy. There are references to deaths in 'aeroplane' accidents throughout the service records."

To access the World War I Service Record Database, logon to the Secretary of State's website at www.sos.mo.gov/archives/.

Valuing volunteers

The value of volunteer services to nonprofit organizations is well known to the organizations themselves, but widely under-appreciated by the public and under-reported in terms of their contribution to the labor force.

The Missouri Arts Council recently surveyed 134 nonprofit arts organizations in Missouri and found that volunteers contributed 734,207 hours, which translates into 91,775 workdays. At minimum wage (\$5.15 per hour), that contributes \$3.7 million to the economy. At the national average of \$14.30 per hour, as determined by Independent Sector studies, the contribution would increase to \$10.4 million. Above and beyond the economic benefits, these figures demonstrate the scope and depth of community support for the arts in Missouri.

Source: Missouri Arts Council, "An Economic Impact Survey of Missouri Nonprofit Arts Organizations for Fiscal Year 2000."



Bottom row (l-r): Whitney Young, Lukin Murphy, Morgan Grotewiel, Katherine Ann Geurin, Danielle Hagen, Cassie Shaw, Kurtis Foster
Top row (l-r): Mary Ellen Russell, Sara Parker, Holly Graves, John Lowrance, Dan Ross, Brenda Collins, Kim Sellers

Letters About Literature awards go to 11 Missouri students

Eleven Missouri students received awards in the 2002 Letters About Literature contest, sponsored by the Missouri Center for the Book in cooperation with the Weekly Reader Corporation and the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress. The national essay contest invites students to write a letter to an author—living or dead—explaining how that author's work changed their view of the world or themselves. The contest offered two competition levels: Level I for grades 4 to 7 and Level II for grades 8 to 12.

Missouri was among the top six states in the number of student entries. Almost 1,400 Missouri students entered the contest, which attracted participation from more than 25,000 students across the U.S.

Morgan M. Grotewiel, a student at Camdenton R-III Middle School, won the Level I state award, and Brooke Nevils, from

Parkway West High School in St. Louis, won the Level II state award.

Second place awards went to Cassie Shaw, Westran Elementary School (Level I) in Huntsville, and to Erin Beck and Katherine Ann Geurin, both from Parkway West High School.

Level I honorable mentions included Daniel Hagen, LaSalle Springs Middle School, Glencoe; Whitney Young, Rolla Middle School; and Devin Henderson, Ira E. Wells School, Seneca.

Level II honorable mentions included Kurtis Foster, Simonsen 9th Grade Center, Jefferson City; Linda Jeppson, Harrisonville Senior High School; and Lukin T. Murphy, Silex R-I School.

Deputy Secretary of State Dan Ross presented the awards at a special ceremony held May 14 at the James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center in Jefferson City. The students received certificates and cash prizes, and their letters will be published on the Missouri Center for the Book's website at <http://books.missouri.org>.

Libraries provide census information for local communities

The release of Census 2000 long-form data this summer provides an excellent opportunity for librarians to reach out to local businesses, organizations and potential community partners. Since the State Library in the Office of the Secretary of State is the lead agency for the U.S Census Bureau's State Data Center Program, it is particularly fitting for librarians to take the lead to help people know: 1) what is available from Census 2000, 2) how to obtain detailed census information about their local area, and 3) how to put the data to good use.

Who in the community might be interested in local census data?

Almost without exception, newspapers, local governments, chambers of commerce, not-for-profit organizations, businesses and people who seek grant money for projects to improve, restore, or offer new services in a community have an interest in local census information.

People who manage and work in businesses and manufacturing firms rely on census information for marketing research and planning purposes. Knowing the number of people by age and gender in an area helps businesses know the potential customer base within a geographic area. Educational attainment by age is useful for marketing purposes, and it also helps companies know if a qualified pool of workers exists within commuting distance of a location they are considering for relocation or expansion. Businesses that enter customer zip codes in a sales database may want census information by zip code to make their data analysis meaningful. Financial and mortgage institutions, as well as real estate businesses, often need to know the census tract number for a specific address. The Census Bureau provides a place to obtain this information online at <http://factfinder.census.gov/servlet/BasicFactsServlet> (click on "street address" in the upper-left corner of the Web page).

Administrators, governing boards, and the

people who teach in schools, colleges, day-care centers, and educational and literacy providers are interested in the number of children by age for towns, counties, and school districts. Programs that offer English as a Second Language classes and assistance centers for newly-arrived immigrants are interested in data about language spoken at home, year-of-entry into the country, and country of origin.

Getting the word out in your community

- Schedule times to present local census information to local organizations and offer the library as a primary resource to find out more about census data. If no one in your library feels comfortable presenting the information, contact the Missouri Census Data Center coordinator at 573-526-7648 to arrange for someone who works with census data to go with you for the presentation.
- Prepare an information sheet with census statistics for your local area and advertise your library's reference service on the same sheet.
- Contact people in the community who might be interested in census data to let them know the long-form data is available with the offer to help them interpret the data.

Resources for census outreach work

The Missouri Census Data Center coordinating group members and local affiliates are available to provide consultation about accessing, compiling, and presenting local census information. They can also provide master copies of handout materials and send census-related charts and maps which can be used in PowerPoint programs or reproduced on paper. Feel free to contact the center at 573-526-7648 or 800-325-0131, ext. 10 (in Missouri), for additional information or to request information or materials. In addition, census information is posted on the Missouri Census Data Center website at <http://mcdc.missouri.edu> and the Census Bureau's website at <http://www.census.gov>.



Videos available to libraries

Woman to Woman, a not-for-profit organization, has produced a series of videos for women newly diagnosed with breast cancer. There is no charge for the videos, as the organization doesn't want lack of funds to prevent libraries from acquiring the tapes. However, those libraries that can afford to pay for the tapes (\$23 for one, \$45 for two, \$65 for three) or just cover the shipping (\$3.00 per tape) will help the organization with production and distribution of this video series.

Tapes currently available include "Initial Discovery and Diagnosis of Breast Cancer," "Family Support," and "Intimacy." To add any of these tapes to your video collection, call toll free 877-859-6626, or send an e-mail to Mimi Dow at MCDBUF@aol.com. The next three videos—"Chemotherapy," "Surgical Choices," and "Young Women and Breast Cancer"—will be ready for distribution in the next few months.

To read reviews from the medical community and learn more about the videos, go to www.womantowomanvideos.org.

Nationwide campaign promotes reading to children

PBS has launched a comprehensive national public service campaign to promote children's literacy. The PBS Designated Reader Initiative is intended to help millions of children become better readers by inspiring adults to read aloud to them every day. First Lady Laura Bush has agreed to serve as honorary chairperson of the campaign. PBS will marshal its local member stations, its award-winning on-air and online children's programming, and its national and local partnerships to execute this initiative.

PBS, its local stations, and Mrs. Bush have long encouraged parents to enjoy the rewards of reading to their children. But to support parents, and those with few books or limited literacy, other caring adults may also become a child's "reader of the day," or designated reader. The goal of the campaign

is to ensure that every child has a designated reader every day.

The campaign also aims to raise public awareness of the importance of reading to children, inspire millions of adults to read aloud to children, offer grassroots activities that encourage more adults to become designated readers, and mobilize a national coalition of literacy, education, and youth groups.

PBS will deliver the Designated Reader message through multiple channels including public service messages via its local stations, local and national promotional partners, and resources and events to encourage reading.

Many members of Congress have already participated in Designated Reader public service announcements that have aired on their local PBS stations, among them Missouri's Senator Jean Carnahan.

“A library is so many things for so many people. It may be the place where you read your first Dr. Seuss book. Maybe it's where you come when you can't stand the four walls of your house any more. It may be the place where you see the first picture of your grandchild over your e-mail account. It may be where you meet your future spouse or your best friend. It may be where you ask, 'Where have all the teenagers come from?' One person told me 'It's where you grow up.' That was the biggest compliment I've gotten since I've been here.”

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